

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

using a group administration application to receive input from a group administrator to ~~define~~ create fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group,

using the configuration input web page, the configuration input web page including the fields ~~defined~~ created by the group administrator, these fields are displayed for members of the group the configuration input web page receiving ~~group administrator defined~~ configuration information associated with the group administrator created fields from the members; and

maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the ~~group administrator defined~~ configuration information;

wherein at least one of the fields ~~defined~~ created by the group administrator are required such that a software license is not obtainable by a user that does not input data for the at least one required field.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the group administration application is used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input web page.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information further includes the number of CPUs.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information further includes the operating system.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information further includes use environment of the software.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user ~~can change~~ changes the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input web page is provided when the user changes the IP address.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.

10. – 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media comprising software to instruct a computer to do the steps of:

using a group administration application to receive input from a group administrator to ~~define~~ create fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group;

using the configuration input web page, the configuration input web page including fields ~~defined~~ created by the group administrator, these fields are displayed for members of the group the configuration input web page receiving ~~group administrator defined~~ configuration information associated with the group administrator created fields from the members; and

maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the ~~group administrator defined~~ configuration information;

wherein at least one of the fields ~~defined~~ created by the group administrator are required such that a software license is not obtainable by a user that does not input data for the at least one required field.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the group administration application is used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input page.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information further includes the number of CPUs.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information further includes the operating system.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information further includes use environment of the software.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the user changes the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input screen is provided when the user changes the IP address.

26. (Original) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

27. (Original) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.

28. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

using a group administration application to received input from a group administrator to ~~define~~ create fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group,

using the configuration input web page, the configuration input web page including the fields ~~defined~~ created by the group administrator, these fields are displayed for members of the group, the configuration input web page receiving ~~group administrator defined~~ configuration information associated with the group administrator created fields from the members; and

maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the ~~group administrator defined~~ configuration information; wherein the group administration application is a web application that authenticates the group administrator, and wherein the group administrator application receives input to restrict access of selected software licenses to certain members;

wherein at least one of the fields ~~defined~~ created by the group administrator are required such that a software license is not obtainable by a user that does not input data for the at least one required field.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the group administration application is used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input web page.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the input configuration information further includes the number of CPUs.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the input configuration information further includes the operating system.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the input configuration information further includes use environment of the software.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the user changes the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input web page is provided when the user changes the IP address.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein a change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.